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Date: 17 Nov 89 15:40:29 GMT  
From: enterprise!kirk@sun.com ('Captain' Kirk DeHaan)  
Subject: AR on TV, now celebrities

>From article <8911170805.AA23062@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU>, by faunt@CISCO.COM (Doug  
Faunt N6TQS 415-688-8269):

> The newest Newsline claims that Marlon Brando has had many different  
> ham calls, and that a biographer is looking for people who may have  
> had contacts with him. I looked up Brando on marvin, with no results.  
> He probably has a real name that he has on his license.

>From what I heard his callsign is not a US callsign. Does marvin have  
international callsigns also?

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\* 'Captain' Kirk DeHaan           |        "There's a lot to be said   \*  
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Date: 17 Nov 89 14:10:52 GMT  
From: shlump.nac.dec.com!tallis.enet.dec.com@decuac.dec.com (Jim Reisert)  
Subject: customer feedback to manufacturers

In article <30500285@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu>, phil@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu writes...

>> If you guys don't think Japanese manufacturers listen to U.S. hams,  
>> talk to Chip Margelli, K7JA at Yaesu.  
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>Might be interesting to talk with him if he has the time. Maybe I could  
>also tell him why I have decided not to buy anything from Yaesu. Maybe he  
>could even reverse those reasons? He'd have some work to do.

According to the December issue of CQ Magazine, Yaesu will be supplying the  
radios for the upcoming Bouvet operation in February. I guess this would be  
the real test to see if they can keep up with the Joneses (Kenwood and  
ICOM).

jim, AD1C (If I won't work them, should I blame \*their\* rigs for not being  
able to pull me out of the pileup? ;-)

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Date: 16 Nov 89 17:20:39 GMT  
From: ism780c!kirkd@RAND.ORG (Kirk Davis)  
Subject: fcc question pools

Hello all again,  
Did have much luck that last time, so I'll post just once more.  
Anyone got the new tec pools in machine readable format??? pls email  
or post or call (213/453-8649 x3233).

tnx,  
-kbd- (kirkd@ism.isc.com -or- uunet!ism780c!kirkd)

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Date: 17 Nov 89 15:51:59 GMT  
From: tank!pbhx@handies.ucar.edu (Peter B. Hayward)  
Subject: FTP Access to FCC Stacks and Morse Code Program

(Corrected posting)

The archives at the University of Chicago have now been updated with the most recent versions of Diana Syriac's hypercard stacks for the ham exams.

Novice V2.0  
Technician V2.0  
General V1.0  
Adanced V1.0

Also in the archive is a morse code program.

Using FTP, login as anonymous with any password. The files are in /pub/public

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Date: Fri, 17 Nov 89 08:47:03 EST  
From: pescatore\_jt%ncsd%gte.com@RELAY.CS.NET  
Subject: Help for obtaining licenses in other countries

There have been a number of messages looking for information on getting licensed to operate on vacation outside of the U.S. (I guess the cold weather is starting!). The ARRL has everything you need to know about obtaining a license, and will send you (free of charge! no SASE or green stamp!) the info and forms for most countries. Call 203-666-1541 and ask for information on reciprocal licensing. Yes, you actually have to resort to copper wire, and actual human intercourse.

Your reception at customs in the incoming country will vary quite a bit. It helps a lot to have a ham from the host country meet you at the airport. Jim Talens N3JT wrote a good article for QST on this topic, somewhere around the Fall of 1988.

73 John WB2EKK @N4QQ or PESCATORE\_JT%NCSD@GTE.COM

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Date: 17 Nov 89 15:43:29 GMT  
From: psuvm!bhb3@psuvax1.cs.psu.edu  
Subject: radar laws?

I have the specs on the MPH Industries K-55 radar gun. It is by far the most

commonly used unit by police departments. The output power is less than 100 milliwatts. I beleive that you don't have to be lisenced to use under 100 mW. To the best of my knowledge police are not lisenced. With regard to the legalities of jamming: FCC regs permit the relieving of any frequency, but specifically forbid use of the airwaves for illegal purposes. The subject of jamming has been heavily discussed on rec.autos and jamming would fall under state laws of "obstructing an officer in the performance of his duties, etc." Radar detectors are pretty much cut and dried legal(except in D.C., Conn., and maybe Maryland) since they are just recievers.

Brent H. besler

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Date: 17 Nov 89 16:08:07 GMT  
From: iris!ford@ucdavis.ucdavis.edu (Gary Ford)  
Subject: References for Info on Gel Cells

In article <7120094@hpcupt1.HP.COM> bmp@hpcupt1.HP.COM (Brian M. Perkin) writes:

>I was sure I had an article at home on the care and feeding  
>(charging) of gell cells. As I rumaged through stacks of  
>magazines, I didn't find what I thought I had read only  
>a few weeks ago. Does such an article ring a bell with anyone?  
>Can anyone provide me with a good reference?

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>Thanks in advance  
>Brian Perkin - N6RSW  
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Take a look at "A New Chip For Charging Gelled-Electrolyte Batteries," by Warren Dion, N1BBH, in QST, pp 26-29, June 1987. I have used the circuit described to maintain a charge on a 6.5 Ahr gel cell for my VHF & UHF HTs for about a year and a half -- works fine. Charging current is from either a wall transformer or a 5W solar panel.

Gary Ford, N6GF

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Date: 16 Nov 89 23:46:31 GMT  
From: hpda!hpcupt1!hprnd!hprnokg!barry@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (Barry Fowler)  
Subject: To QSL, or not to QSL?

PJML@IBMA.NERC-WALLINGFORD.AC.UK ("Pete Lucas writes:

>Question: Why do hams insist on QSLing? etc. etc

I enjoy sending and receiving QSL cards. I don't collect stacks of them but I always QSL when requested and I enjoy a QSL from a good friend that I meet over the air. A conversation can be forgotten over a year or so but I always find it enjoyable to "go through the stack" and be pleasantly reminded of an old friend. It's kinda like looking through an old photo album... it's nostalgic. My reason for getting on the air isn't simply to "add to the stack". I enjoy meeting people over the waves. I'm not a "5-9 QSL" conversationalist.

I don't usually QSL to "locals" unless I run into them repeatedly and set up a schedule or the like.

("old fart" talk coming...)

Yes, I have been licensed for 21 years. I have lost contact with many of the high school era friends I met "back then" but I can still browse through the stack and remember the 10 meter nets on an otherwise dead SSB band that we had weekly. I recall when someone on "one of those damned cards" used to suggest to go out, at a spur of the moment and grab a pizza or go to the local school and whack a tennis ball around. I still can look at the QSL card from my first contact (Okinawa on 40 CW). I still can look at the same for my second contact (WA6EYN, who later became a real good friend of mine, he lived about 5 miles away). I can still look at the card from the person that got me interested in ham radio (WN6DNA). Do we have the same satisfaction getting on a repeater on 2 meters? Most likely, the answer is "no".

We really had a lot of fun on the air and were on daily.

I also look at cards from more recent contacts with the similar pleasure.

VHF as we know it didn't seem very interesting then. I have never QSLed or received a QSL from a VHF contact. Maybe that's why QSLing is on the decline. There are a lot of people hanging out on two meters. 'A lot of mobile "I'm 10 minutes from home, do you need anything at the store" conversations and nets where people say their call letters to one another without much else to say.

Believe it or not, we even had CW nets in high school and ENJOYED it!

There wasn't as much grumping then, with a greater number of operators on the band.

QSL cards are a great tradition of amateur radio.

It was (and is) just another fraternal aspect of the hobby. I hope that aspect isn't obsolete.

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